

providing a first orientation associated with the image;
providing a second orientation associated with the image capture unit;
determining whether the first orientation is different from the second orientation;
decompressing the image; and
displaying the image in the second orientation.

18. (Twice amended) A system for viewing images in an image capture unit comprising:
an image associated with a first orientation, the image being a previously captured image;
a second orientation associated with the image capture unit, wherein it is determined
whether the first orientation is different from the second orientation; and
a display to display the image in the second orientation;
wherein the image is decompressed for viewing on the display.

19. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein the image is rotated to the
second orientation when the first orientation is different from the second orientation.

20. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein the first orientation is a
landscape orientation.

21. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein the first orientation is a
portrait orientation.

22. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein the second orientation is an
orientation in which a horizontal axis of the image capture unit is substantially parallel to a
surface of the earth.

23. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein the second orientation is an orientation in which a horizontal axis of the image capture unit is substantially perpendicular to a surface of the earth.

24. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, further comprising an orientation sensor for determining the second orientation associated with the image capture unit.

25. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, further comprising a buffer to store data associated with the image.

27. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein the image is resized to fit the display.

28. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein the image is cropped to fit the display.

29. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein data related to the image is stored in a buffer in a manner which allows the image to be displayed in the second orientation.

30. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein borders are displayed between an edge of the image and an edge of the display.

31. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein at least one graphic is displayed on the display.

32. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein at least one icon is displayed

on the display.

33. (Twice amended) The system of claim [19] 18, wherein at least one direction icon is displayed on the display.

34. (Amended) A digital camera capable of displaying an image having a first orientation, the image being a previously captured image, the digital camera comprising:

means for capturing the image;

means for storing the image in a compressed format image and storing the first orientation;

means for determining a second orientation of the digital camera;

means coupled with the determining means for comparing the first orientation and the second orientation;

means coupled with the determining means for rotating the image from the first orientation to the second orientation if the first orientation is different from the second orientation; and

a display coupled with the rotating means for displaying the image in the second orientation.

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 1999. Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 18-25, and 27-34. Consequently, claims 1-35 remain pending in the present application.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 18, and 34 to more clearly indicate that the image being displayed is a previously captured image. Claims 1 and 18 already recited decompressing the image for display. Claim 34 already recited means for storing the image in a compressed format